

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order on Wednesday, November 3, 2004, at 4:10 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Wilson in the Council Chambers, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

**Present:** Bruce Wilson, James Donaldson, Preston Sale, Cindy Bridges, Judy Kandl, Michael Lippard, Bill Safrit, Greta Connor and Barbara Perry

**Absent:** Johnny Safrit and Suzette Davis

**Staff:** Lynn Raker, Janice Bodford

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Reviewed and approved the financial report for October.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Art in Public Places:

**Mosaic Project:** Bruce reported that Robert Crum has placed the order for his tile, and he is doing some prep work on the wall to check out staining and pointing needs prior to starting the actual mosaic work. The amount of funds raised remains at the halfway point \$12,500.

**HAT Charette:** The written report of the charette has not been received yet. Lynn will check with Randy Hemann this afternoon.

**Neighborhoods & Education Committee:** James reported that he had talked with Joe Morris and the Jersey City sidewalks, lighting and signage projects would begin by spring.

A new state highway historical marker will be dedicated Saturday, November 6, at 11:00 at the 700 block of West Monroe Street. The marker will recognize the work of a husband and wife team, J.E.K. Aggrey, and his wife, Rose. This marker is designed for pedestrians rather than drivers in that it will contain much about their lives in smaller letters. Aggrey played a significant role in the history of Livingstone College and the post-colonial development of his native Gold Coast which is now Ghana. Aggrey insisted that blacks and whites should work together like keys on a piano. "You can play a tune of sorts on the white keys, and you can play a tune of sorts on the black keys. But for harmony you must use both the black and white." – J.E.K. Aggrey.

Lynn brought the drawing of the intersection of Mocksville Ave. and Cemetery Street. The drawing shows a green triangular area that is an expanse of asphalt at this time. There is an

opportunity to either have a planted area in the middle which would force traffic to have to make a 90 degree turn instead of the merging action they currently do which is somewhat dangerous. This would also slow speeding down. Another thing being discussed is to have a triangular peninsula off the property that Bradshaw now owns. That would provide a larger planted space for that area and an opportunity to create an entrance into the neighborhood. Discussion followed about the lot beside this area that belongs to Dr. Webb. Dr. Webb's lot is expected to be developed at some point and KKA Architecture has a drawing for potential development. This was not one of the neighborhoods top priorities, although there has been increased interest in it since priority setting was done. It could come about soon since it would be easy to do and would have an immediate impact on the entrance to the neighborhood.

**Landscaping:** Landscape of the month awards will start with nominations in March with the first awards in April.

**Municipal Service District and Innes Street Improvement Grants:** The committee met and awarded three grants. One to Dr. Muthu's Kress building for a new awning, but it has not been put up yet. He is also going to paint over the signage and has looked into removing the old air conditioning unit on top. However, there was a big issue about the way it is vented in the roof and there would be a tremendous expense to close that up. The second award went for the sign on the side of the former Clayworks building and that has already been painted. The third application was for the Ketner Grocery sign on this side of Bill's Bakery. This project was postponed until some more information can be obtained about the condition of the building itself. There is probably a little over \$3,000 left in both grants combined.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Lynn talked with David Phillips, Zoning Administrator, about the trash behind Home Furniture. David said he really doesn't have any control over it, but recommended taking to Tom Murphy, City Fire Inspector. Tom will check and see if there is a fire hazard. There have been sofas, chairs, mattresses for weeks at a time. Also mentioned was the Davis Cook building that uses the outside to store his pipes. Bruce suggested writing a letter from CAC to the owners of these two buildings about the trash problem.

Greta also commented that she is seeing an increase in furniture being placed on porches. Jeff Benfield will enforce this ordinance when he is notified of an address. Bruce suggested adding a reminder of this ordinance in the Spring Spruce-up flyer. Nuisance Abatement is under Jeff Benfield; Doug Innes is in charge of overgrown lawns; and minimum housing is under Jeff Youngblood.

James mentioned a house in Jersey City that he had previously brought to CAC's attention that was supposed to be moved. He reported that it was loaded onto a trailer, but not moved yet. The loaded trailer has been parked for over a month.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Lynn invited CAC members to stop by the Civic and Convention Center Charette being held today and tomorrow in the seminar room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of The Plaza and share their ideas or see what is going on. The final presentation will be at 4:00 pm tomorrow.

Lynn announced that Janice will be moving. Her husband has taken a position with Wingate University and they will be moving to Union County. Diana Moghrabi was introduced as the new secretary for CAC. Janice and Diana will work together over the next month or two during the transition.

Michael Young will make a presentation at the December meeting about neighborhood banners. We will have our regular meeting at 4:00 December 1<sup>st</sup> followed by hors d'oeuvres.

The joint Planning Board/CAC special events signage committee will meet Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.